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February 7, 1980

Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Washington, D.C. 20205

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Dear Admiral Turner:

I enjoyed being with you at the Minneapolis Club for lunch yesterday. I was deeply impressed with your wide knowledge and ability to be up-to-date on so many different areas around the world. As we were leaving I had a few moments to briefly talk to you about nuclear electric power. I would like to put my thoughts in writing.

If indeed the U.S. is concerned about its use of oil and its reliance on oil from outside our territory, I believe that increasing our nuclear electric generation is a step in the right direction. While increasing electric generation from nuclear rather than oil will not be a significant reduction in U.S. total oil consumption, it is at least a step in the right direction. Furthermore, it would indicate that the U.S. is resolved to working on all solutions of becoming energy independent.

The risks associated with nuclear electric generation are certainly insignificant when compared with the risk of sending Armed Forces to the Persian Gulf. As for nuclear proliferation, I agree with President Carter's concern. While I strongly believe the reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel is desirable, I am not making a pitch for that to you at this time.

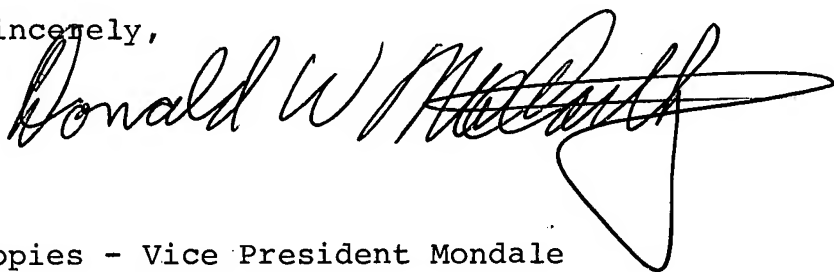
Approximately ninety-nine percent of the volume of high level nuclear waste in the U.S. today is a result of the military programs. We are continuing to pursue our nuclear weapons and nuclear Navy programs. The fact that we have no solution to the disposal of spent fuels from nuclear generating plants should not, therefore, be the reason for not pursuing nuclear electric generation. ✓

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You indicated that it was your responsibility to make the facts known to the President of the United States and you further indicated that the CIA report on oil made some months ago had proven to be an accurate assessment. I know you will continue to communicate all the facts to our policy leaders.

Again, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and hearing your comments. Thanks for coming to Minneapolis and sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Rumsfeld". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Copies - Vice President Mondale
E. W. Spencer